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Timothy 2:5 THE MAN CHRIST JESUS

Intro.

A. Father's belief- Christ was God and the whole of God
Pitman's belief- Christ had all the knowledge and power of God, his humanity being no limitation
Both are typical of many who, in their ardent worship of and trust in X, do not face the facts of history.

B. Jesus has come down thru the ages so haloed and transfigured thru reverence and adoration of him that, to the modern mind his personality is as mysterious and hidden as God himself is.

Almost insurmountable difficulties stand in the way of our finding the real Jesus of the historic Gospels.

Just as classic literature has become almost a foreign language to many modern minds, so the Christ of the creeds is a stranger to them. When the great doctrines concerning the person of Jesus were formulated at the councils of Nicea and Chalcydon, they served the definite purpose of explaining the central place which Christ occupied in the hearts and lives of his disciples.

But the experience upon which the doctrines were based has largely been lost sight of, and they have become more like intellectual speculations, a sort of a philosophical explanation of the person of Jesus.

The Christ of medieval theology, like the life and thot of medieval times, is unreal and without appeal to the modern mind.

C. But biblical scholars have been endeavoring to uncover the real Jesus as portrayed in the Gospels. As archeologists have been seeking to unearth the remains of ancient times in order to throw light on the history of those periods, so Bible scholars have been seeking to discover beneath all the accumulations of the ages the real Jesus of history.

And they have succeeded surprisingly well. We now understand the environment in which Jesus lived and the life of his times.

The boy Jesus at Nazareth, We go with him to synagogue and temple and listen to the teachings which were given him. The carpenter in his father's shop. His starting out as a preacher and teacher and healer. His walks and talks with his companion disciples
Now he is an historic person, a man of like passion with ourselves!

But the better acquainted we thus become with the man Jesus, the more mysterious grows his personality! He appeals to no two minds alike. No agreement about certain simple details concerning some of the events of his life.

A number of recent accounts of the Life of Jesus have been written from as many different angles of interpretation, but the fact remains that no personality in all history appeals to the minds and hearts of thinking men as does Jesus Christ. In Him they sense his authority and ////////// and in his message they recognize that which is most vital to mankind. As Mt.everest towers above all other peaks in the world, so Jesus, among thinkers and scholars, is the Master Man of all times.

C. ////But the more fully recovered Christ has nottaken the world by storm, has not attracted as one would naturally expect that he would. Why?

Jesus' standards and ideals are a challenge to our generation.

Tho admittedly superior, they seem impossible to many.

The closer Jesus comes to some people the more he repels them!

His law of love upsets accepted standards unselfish service

The "follow me" of the real Jesus is too exacting, too uncompromising.

But to those who do seek to follow him(and they come from every generation and race and from all classes) Jesus is, indeed the way, the truth and the life.

I. The significance of the Incarnation.

God can and does reveal himself ////to men thru man.

What Jesus was he expected his disciples to be, and what he did he expected his disciples to do, the work he left undone, they were to carry on.

If ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done.

He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father.

The work of Jesus was the Kingdom of God, one of trust and love and service.

Jesus not only teaches, but exemplifies!

3. The significance of the incarnation is that God ~~is~~ in Jesus and thru Jeus is teaching usby example, who by example is making ~~us~~ known to us what kind of persons we ought to be.

II. Different ways of regarding the humanity of Jesus.

A. Our discovery that Jesus was fully human is not a new one.

In thos first days there never was any question as to the real humanity of Jesus.

Unless God had really entered humanity in Jesus, unless Christ pssessed a human nature like unto ours, then salvation thru him would be in vain.

Irenaeus-He became what we are that he might make us what he is.

B. But the ~~early~~ early attitude towards the humanity of Jesus differs from ours in one essential respect. They thot of Jesus as the redeemer of humanity as a whole, thus making it possible for individual men to be saved. Christ was more of a type than an individual.

The modern mind~~s~~ denies the reality of aso-called, humanity. Humanity is but an abstract term that denotes all the humans that live upon the earth. Every human is a separate individual distinct and different from all others.

Truth is but an abstract term denoting the sum-total of all ~~truths~~. ~~truths~~ the individual facts of life.

And so Jesus for us is an individual man, even as we are individuals. He was a Jew by birth and breeding. He was a man who knew hunger and suffering, poverty and defeat. He was tempted just as we are tempted, even tho he may have overcome his temptations.

And just because Jesus was an individual as you and I are, we can make him our standard and example.

What Jesus did under the limitations of his environme inward and outward, we can do under the limitations of our environment. We can make his principles and ideals our very own, and this is our salvation. ~~Christ the first, fruits; afterwards they that are Christ's.~~

~~I do not deny the virgin birth of Jesus, but that belief is not my proof of his sinlessness.~~

Like Peter who falling down at the feet of Jesus

4. and crying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!", when we of today meet Jesus face to face, in the light of his perfection of character we are made to realize our own sinfulness.

The famous organ in one of the cathedrals of Europe. One man organist for 40 yrs. The visit of the stranger. Felix Mendlesohn
"You keep the keys, sir, and forgive the servant for being so reluctant to give up the keys to the Master!"

This age feels itself the custodion of its own ways and destiny, and its attitude is that of "Hands off".

But just as the organist of that famous organ became the better organist for having surrended his keys to Mendlesohn, so, I believe, that all of modern life would be greatly enriched by a childlike and humble surrender to the Master of Life, Jesus the man who lived God for us that we might become godlike.

Con. My love for the Santa Cruz Mts. Then my acquaintance with the larger High Sierra Mts. Did I return to the Santa Cruz Mts. to see less in them than I had before? By no means, but only to see more. At different seasons the Santa Cruz Mts. reminded me of the High Sierras in various ways, and consequently, the Santa Cruz Mts. became to me more beautiful and dearer than ever.

And so it is with us human induviduals. To become acquainted with Jesus the perfect man adds to our estimates and endearments of one another, because in Him we not only see ourselves as we ought to be and are going to be, but because in one another we are reminded of the the man Jesus who takes us to such sublime heights of experience and who puts the eternal into our souls.